

Supporters Are Thanked By Connick

Harry Connick, an unsuccessful candidate for district attorney in last Saturday's Democratic primary election, today thanked his supporters and the voters who put him in second place behind incumbent Jim Garrison.

"This was my first campaign for political office," said Connick. "The office for which I ran was one I truly wanted and one for which I was qualified. I felt strongly that there was a definite need for change, and that I could effect the programs needed to bring about this change.

"Obviously," the attorney continued, "most of the voters felt otherwise. I therefore congratulate Mr. Jim Garrison on his re-election.

"I AM GRATEFUL to my wife Anita who, in addition to her many other duties, worked so tirelessly and unselfishly and who was so encouraging throughout the campaign. Special thanks go to the lady volunteers and to the many other individuals who joined with me and who worked so hard in the campaign."

Connick said he particularly wished to thank those public officials and other candidates "who were courageous enough to openly endorse and support me."

Lending early support, he said, were state Reps. Ernest N. Morial, Edward Booker and Thomas Casey, state Sen. Charles Smither and mayoral candidates John J. Petre, Moon Landrieu, Dan Dial and John Spann.

"I AM ESPECIALLY grateful to Councilman Petre," said Connick. "Mr. Petre was the first candidate for mayor to take a stand on the issue of crime and corruption in New Orleans. He and his supporters were very generous in their efforts on my behalf."

Landrieu's endorsement "and the help furnished by his supporters is likewise appreciated," said Connick. "It is encouraging to know that of the remaining candidates for mayor, one was willing to face the issue of crime in the community."

The candidate also thanked District A councilman candidate Peter H. Beer, the New Orleans States-Item and The Times-Picayune for their endorsements and for "the forthright manner in which (the newspapers) brought the issues in the race to the attention of the public."